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APPLICANT: Tadashi TANIGUCHI, et al. ATTY. DOCKET NO. 09792909-4642
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INVENTION: "OPTICAL PICKUP DEVICE WITH A PLURALITY OF LASER COUPLERS"

STATUS INQUIRY

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Dear Sir:

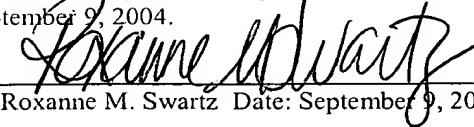
With regard to the above-identified patent application that was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 28, 2000, we have not received any communication from the U.S. Patent Office since the granting of the Petition to Withdraw the Application dated June 18, 2002. Applicants also filed a RCE, on June 7, 2002.

At this time, we respectfully request the current status of this application.

Respectfully submitted,
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